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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES YOUR CONCERN OVER POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE IF AN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WERE ESTABLISHED IN SOUTH AFRICA AT THIS TIME. DECISION IS OF COURSE UP TO U.S. FIRMS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY SHOULD GO ON RECORD AS EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHAMBER.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT JOHNSON CONVEY ORALLY TO BULOVA REPRESENTATIVE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: USG WOULD RATHER NOT TAKE POSITION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMERICAN CHAMBER
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OF COMMERCE AT THIS TIME. U.S. FIRMS ARE FREE TO DECIDE

FOR THEMSELVES IF THEY WISH TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF ORGANIZATION.

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